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1. INDUS RIGHT BANK PIPELINE (IRBP) PROJECT, A 300 MILE \$60 MILLION GAS PIPELINE, IS ON THRESHOLD OF IMPORTANT NEW STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I, THE FIRST 45 MILES NORTH FROM KARACHI ALREADY BEGUN BY SUI GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY (SGTC). PROCUREMENT FOR VERY IMPORTANT PHASE II, 260 MILES SEGMENT TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. FINANCING FOR PHASE II FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF \$30 MILLION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

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2. REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDERS ON VARIOUS ITEMS

TOTALING MORE THAN \$20 MILLION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ABOUT MARCH 20, 1974. TENDERS WILL BE OPEN FOR ONLY 45 DAYS AND WILL BE DUE IN KARACHI ON MAY 6, 1974. ITEMS TO BE PROCURED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TENDER INCLUDE 260 MILES OF 18 INCHES LINE PIPE, COAT AND WRAP MATERIALS WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$1.5 MILLION, BORE AND PLUG VALVES AND VARIOUS PIECES OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WITH A TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF APPROX. \$5 MILLION INCLUDING D-7 PIPE LAYERS; HEAVY DUTY GRADERS; DRAG LINE CRANES; WELDING MACHINES AND NUMEROUS PIECES OF TRANSPORTATION AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT.

3. TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR PHASE I REQUIREMENTS FOR LINE PIPE, VALVES, AND COAT AND WRAP MATERIAL WERE SENT TO COMMERCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH REFS. B, C & D RESPECTIVELY. SPECIFICATIONS IN UPCOMING PHASE II TENDERS WILL BE AMOST EXACT DUPLICATES OF PREVIOUS TENDERS EXCEPT THAT QUANTITIES WILL BE APPROXIMATELY FIVE TIMES GREATER.

4. REQUEST COMMERCE NOTIFY POTENTIAL AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF THIS APPORTUNITY AND PASS COPIES OF OLD TENDERS TO INTERESTED AMERICAN FIRMS. AMERICAN FIRMS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE NEW TENDERS ARE AVAILABLE SINCE THEY WILL HAVE VERY SHORT TIME IN WHICH TO BID.

5. AMCONGEN KARACHI FORWARDING PRIORITY AIRGRAM NO. 21 DATED MARCH 8, 1974 TO COMMERCE WITH MORE DETAILS ON THIS MAJOR EXPORT OPPORTUNITY. POST WILL ALSO FORWARD TENDER DOCUMENTS TO COMMERCE UNDER TRADE OPPORTUNITY - FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TENDER FORMAT AS SOON AS DOCUMENTS BECOME AVAILABLE.
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